

Ex-officio Members of the District Boards.

READ—

Resolution No. XV of the Local Self-Government Conference of 1923:—
 "That it is not desirable to appoint non-official Presidents or Vice-Presidents of Taluk Boards *ex-officio* Members of the District Boards."

ORDER No. L. 816-32—L. B. 58-24-3, DATED 29TH JULY 1924.

Recorded.

B. NAGAPPA,

Secretary to Government,
 Local and Legislative Departments.

REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Shanbhogs and Patels.

CIRCULAR.

ORDER No. R. 791-801—L. R. 86-22-6, DATED 30TH JULY 1924.

It has come to the notice of Government that in spite of the clear instructions issued in Paragraph 2 of their order No. 4087-94—R. 1406, dated 1st November 1896, there are still a very large number of registered Patels and Shanbhogs who have not taken charge of their respective offices but are following other avocations.

The Revenue Commissioner is requested to impress on the Deputy Commissioners of Districts the necessity of satisfying themselves that the Standing Orders on the subject are enforced and to issue notice to every barawardar shanbhog or patel who is not a minor or widow requiring him to enter upon his duties, within a period not exceeding six months. If he fails to do so his name should be removed from the Baraward Register and the fact notified in the *Mysore Gazette* and also in the village or villages concerned so that the hukdars, if any, may appear and claim the office within two years, sirkar patels and shanbhogs being employed in the meanwhile wherever necessary. If the appointment is not claimed within two years from the date of notice the right of the family concerned for the huk will be forfeited and the Deputy Commissioners may appoint any competent person permanently to the post.

The Deputy Commissioners will soon after the Jamabandi of each year, submit a report to Government, through the Revenue Commissioner showing the action taken in the matter.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,

Offg. Secretary to Government,
 Revenue Department.

Floods.

Letter No. D. 1 of 24-25, dated the 29th July 1924, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, reporting the damage done at Harihar and other villages situated on the Tungabhadra in the Chitaldrug District and requesting that Rs. 1,000 for gratuitous relief and Rs. 2,000 for granting Takavi loans may be placed at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner for affording relief to the sufferers.

ORDER No. R. 774-7—R. M. 3-24-38, DATED 29TH JULY 1924.

The Revenue Commissioner's report shows that on account of the high floods in the Tungabhadra nearly 190 houses collapsed in Harihar Town and that owing to prompt evacuation of the flooded localities there was no loss of life. The local authorities are reported to have made adequate arrangements to provide facilities to the poorer classes to put up temporary sheds. A Committee consisting of 15 leading citizens is reported to have been formed and a sum of Rs. 145 has been subscribed. The local Co-operative Society has come forward to divert their dividends in the last year amounting to Rs. 545 for giving relief to the sufferers.

2. As regards the sums asked for by the Revenue Commissioner, Government have already placed a sum of Rs. 2,000 at the disposal of the Deputy Commissioner for affording relief to the sufferers. A sum of Rs. 22,000 for granting loans to the sufferers is now sanctioned and this will be in addition to the grant provided for loans in the Budget.

3. The Conservator of Forests will be requested to instruct the District Forest Officer, Chitaldrug, by wire to supply shed materials from State Forests to the Deputy Commissioner of Chitaldrug for issue to the sufferers.

4. Government desire to place on record the high appreciation of the public spirit of the people of Harihar in readily coming forward with substantial contributions to afford relief to the poor people who have suffered on account of the floods. The Deputy Commissioner of Chitaldrug District is requested to communicate to the Members of the Flood Relief Committee and the Members of the Co-operative Society Government's appreciation of their public spirit.

K. V. ANANTARAMAN,

Offg. Secretary to Government,
Revenue Department.

PUBLIC WORKS SECRETARIAT.

Powers of Sanction of the Chief Engineer in Mysore.

READ—

Government Order No. P. W. 551-73—E. 6815-37, dated the 12th March 1923, defining the powers to be exercised by the Chief Engineers and the Executive Engineers.

2. Government Order No. 2534-85—C. B. 157-23-1, dated the 4th February 1924, sanctioning certain administrative changes in the Public Works Department, and directing that the schedule of powers to be exercised by the Chief Engineer be revised.

3. Notes ending with No. D. 165, dated the 10th April 1924, by the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, in the matter.

ORDER NO. P. W. 327—344, DATED THE 23RD JULY 1924.

In supersession of Government Order No. P. W. 551-73—E. 6815-37, dated the 12th March 1923, read above, Government are pleased to delegate to the Chief Engineer the powers as detailed in the statement attached:

K. R. SESHACHAR,

Secretary to Government,
Public Works Department.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE REVISED POWERS OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER OF MYSORE.

As regards expenditure, the powers to be exercised only within the limits of the budget grants concerned.

1. *General Control.*—To exercise control over the Engineering operations of the Department relating to works noted below and to exercise a concurrent control with the Comptroller over the duties of the officers of the Department in connection with the accounts of expenditure:—

Irrigation works, including minor tanks, maintenance of water-supply works and investigation of fresh schemes of water-supply and drainage. Provincial and District Fund Roads, Buildings and Bridges, including repairs and minor works formerly carried on by the Civil Department from the grants provided in the Public Works Department Budget.

2. *Designs and estimates.*—To deal with details of designs and estimates of all projects, except in the case of works which are to be dealt with by the Executive Engineers.

3. *Sanction to estimates.*—(1) *Original works.*—Can sanction estimates up to a maximum of Rs. 5,000 for each work, if provided for in the Budget.

(2) *Repairs.*—Can sanction estimates to the extent of Rs. 5,000 for each work, if provided for in the Budget.

(3) *Tools and Plant.*—Can sanction all estimates of tools and plant up to a limit of Rs. 5,000 in each case and within the budget provision.

(4) (a) *Revised and supplemental estimates.*—Can sanction revised and supplemental estimates except in the case of minor tanks, to the extent of 10 per cent of original estimates sanctioned by Government provided that the excess is within Rs. 5,000, and will have full discretion of deviation within the above limit, of quantities and rates without any material alterations in the designs of works.